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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE COMITE--PRIORITIES ON LEGAL ISSUES

1. OSC HELD NIGHT SESSION 5 JULY IN EFFORT TRY TO RESOLVE PRIORITIES FOR 1974 LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE SESSION. WE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING SO-CALLED FIRST PRIORITY ATTACHED TO COMPLETION OF TREATY ON THE MOON AND REGISTRATION CONVENTION, AND EVENTUALLY OBTAINED A SECONDARY PRIORITY FOR DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES LEGAL PRINCIPLES. LANGUAGE OF REFERENCE TO LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE REPRODUCES CRITICAL PROVISION OF GA RES 2916. PRINCIPAL DIFFICULTY AS TO DBS PRIORITY WAS AUSTRALIAN-BELGIAN-ARGENTINIAN INSISTENCE THAT REMOTE SENSING SHOULD HAVE NO LOWER PRIORITY THAN DBS; SUGGESTIONS WERE THEN MADE THAT LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE

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MIGHT EXTEND ITS SESSION FROM TRADITIONAL FOUR WEEKS TO

FIVE WEEKS. EVENTUALLY, HOWEVER, THESE COUNTRIES RECEDED SUFFICIENTLY SO THAT OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT TO GA WILL RECOMMEND FOLLOWING PRIORITIES (A) HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR REGISTRATION AND TOM, (B) NEXT PRIORITY FOR DBS, (C) THIRD PRIORITY FOR ERS (SUBJECT TO UNDERSTANDING, WHICH WILL NOT BE SPELLED OUT IN THE REPORT, THAT IMPORTANCE OF THIS ITEM WARRANTS LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION IN 1974), AND (D) LOWEST PRIORITY FOR REMAINING LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM, IE, DEFINITION OF OUTER SPACE.

2. ALSO OBTAINED AGREEMENT THAT LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS SESSION TO USUAL FOUR WEEKS.
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